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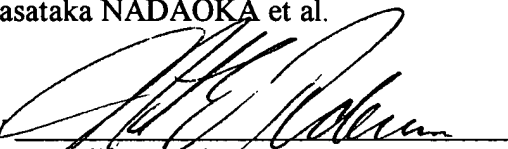
- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. ☒ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted previously,
- c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 3,
- d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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Respectfully submitted,

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